

# Elba brings in the new year on the square



Keith and Teresa Ward of Jack brought several friends from the Brundage area along for the countdown.



Beverly Tindell takes charge at the Elba Fire Department earlier in the evening.



Dale Crowe of Elba was awarded the \$2,000 giveaway.

A future firefighter for the Elba Fire Department?



Even in the cold weather, there were smiles to be found.



Larry Eddins was ready for any electrical mishaps.



Elba firemen and their families brought in the New Year together.



This group knew that being with friends and having fun was the purpose of the New Year's celebration.



The Year 2001 arrives in Elba, and the 21st Century officially begins.



These folks eagerly await the 'countdown' at midnight.

## Harvesting timber could effect tax bill for landowners

by Stan Windham  
County Extension Agent

In Coffee County many landowners are becoming more and more interested in harvesting timber on their land. Some of this is due to increased timber prices. CRP trees that have matured and just a new awareness as to the benefits of managing the timber on their land. Many landowners with small woodland holdings are often unaware of certain provisions in federal tax laws that can effect their tax bill. This is because most small woodland owners make infrequent timber sales and don't keep up with changes in tax laws.

One thing that you can do once you decide to cut timber is to make a visit to your accountant who can help you to determine your possible tax responsibility. For example, if you harvest timber and you receive \$50,000 for it, it can take up to half of it to regenerate the forest, pay various debts, and pay your taxes. You might wonder how the accountant will know about your tax without the timber being sold. Before you cut, have the timber cruised by a professional who can give you a good estimate as to what your timber is worth. You can then take this figure to your accountant who will help you determine possible taxes on this money.

Landowners who are considering future sales of timber should always consult a qualified tax consultant. Landowners should also consult some kind of expert about inheritance taxes and estate planning along with the timber cutting.

This can be important if you feel your heirs will have to pay inheritance tax. To help pay those taxes it may be better if the timber is sold by them rather than by you. Inheritance tax experts can help you determine the best time to sell the timbers as it relates to inheritance taxes and your overall estate planning.

When selling timber, most of the things you must do relating to taxes are easy and are not a problem. It is simply one area that you need to cover before you sell your timber. Let me suggest the following schedule of events that may help you as it relates to taxes and timber.

1. Get a qualified cruise of the timber.
2. Consider how you will market the timber and handle the sale of the timber. You may want to use a forestry consultant or handle all the details yourself, but line this up prior to issuing notice that you are going to sell the timber.
3. Do not send out notices to just a few people. Send notices to a large area of timber buyers. You never know who is going to give you the best price.
4. Contact your tax consultant and talk over the tax situation relating to inheritance, estate planning, and what you will have to pay upon sale of timber.

If you have any further questions considering timber management, please feel free to give us a call at 894-5596 or the Coffee County Forestry Commission at 894-6734.

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## Elba City Council takes no action on proposed hunting ban within city limits

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was confronted by a room full of hunters Monday evening as they convened for their first meeting of the new year. The group was in attendance in response to complaints the council had received last fall about hunters within the city limits endangering the lives of homeowners.

The first to address the council was Matt Brunson, who said that the goal of the hunters is to portray a good image of hunting. "We don't want any child to be afraid to be in their yard," he said. Brunson continued with the fact Elba is in a rural area, historically accustomed to hunting and that his family owns over 500 acres of woodland in the city limits of Elba. He stressed the importance of teaching children the proper rules of hunting and that his young son has killed two deer this year - both within the city limits. Brunson added an opinion that the problems discussed before the city council last fall could probably be handled with the Reckless Endangerment and/or Trespass laws.

Game Warden Cox addressed the issue and noted his department hasn't had a single complaint of hunter problems within the city limits of Elba. He said the Conservation Department didn't want anyone endangered in their yard or house,

but they didn't want hunting stopped. He pointed out that it is good recreation for residents and is good for the tourist trade. The warden noted it is already illegal to discharge firearms within certain distances of occupied dwellings. He added that the council might want to study the idea of forbidding hunting within a limited inner city area.

Rick Nickolson noted that he farms fields within the city limits, and it is hard enough to make a living farming and would be even harder if deer hunting is banned in the area. He explained that dry weather limits available feed for the deer, and could force more of them into his fields, thus destroying crops.

The City Council didn't vote; however, Mayor James Grimes said it seemed to be the consensus of the group to let the game warden and landowners work out any problems which have been reported.

The only other item of unfinished business was a discussion, tabled twice before, to ask for a public vote on changing the selection method for school board members from appointed to elected. When Grimes brought the matter back to the table and asked twice if there was any motion from council members, no council member spoke up and the mayor declared the matter dead.



**FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYED...**the home of Steve and Karen Pettit around noon Monday. Their home is located at 31930 Hwy. 87 in the Jack/Zion Chapel Community. The Elba Police Department received the call at 12:01 and immediately dispatched the Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department. Upon their arrival, firemen found the home well involved in fire with the fire breaking through the roof about 15 minutes after arrival, and having to tank water to the scene, kept the fire fighters from getting the fire completely under control. About the time they would contain the blaze, the water would run out and/or the wind would pick up. Mr. Pettit came home and discovered the fire. The Pettits' home and everything in it was a total loss. Anyone wishing to help this family can get direction by calling Scotty Brown, owner of Z.C. Express, at 897-1950 or by calling the First Assembly of God in Elba at 897-6625. The Pettits have three children that attend Zion Chapel. Assisting the Zion Chapel VFD at the scene of the fire were firemen from Five Star VFD and sheriff's deputies.

## New Brockton to honor Martin Luther King

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council's monthly meeting Monday evening had a relatively short agenda, but it lasted about an hour partly due to a late start.

One of the first orders of business was the approving of the march on Monday, January 15, in connection with the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

The marchers will assemble at the county bus stop (the old Warren Smith School) on Martin Luther King Drive. They will then proceed to Ainsley turning right on McKinnon Street. The marchers will then turn left on North John Street and continue north to Popular Springs Baptist Church where a formal ceremony will be held.

The march is set to begin at 9:30 a.m., and the day's events are sponsored by the Progressive Circle. Councilman Johnny Herron was asked to coordinate the march with New Brockton Police Chief Jerry Gilbert.

The majority of Monday's meeting centered around the use of emergency lights on personal vehicles.

Chief Gilbert passed out to the council members copies of the section of the Alabama Code that gives the chief of police the authority to authorize the use of emergency lights on a private vehicle.

"I have authorized my police officers, only police officers that had emergency driver's training to use lights to respond to emergencies," said Chief Gilbert. "I have also authorized the firemen who have had emergency driver's training to put lights in their vehicles."

Chief Gilbert said all officers and firemen were told at the time they were given authorization, that if they abused this directive to use the lights, the authorization would be revoked. He told the council that he had had one officer to abuse the directive and his authorization had been revoked.

The chief further stated that all persons granted the authorization had been instructed to observe all laws and regulations under emergency procedures.

When Mayor Charles Cole opened the matter up for discussion several of the council members had comments.

"I personally think we don't need

The council approved a lease agreement with Worth Tent & Supply on the old high school gym. The lease is on a month to month basis at \$300 a month. The tent rental company was moving from the old vocational building due reportedly to a leaking roof in that facility.

Grimes got council approval to spend \$887 to repair a leak in the corner of the old gym, which has been ongoing for some time, with Worth Tent agreeing to pay half that cost. Richardson Roofing will do the work.

Leaking buildings are not strangers to Elba officials. The council also voted to put a metal roof on the Claxton Avenue Recreation Center. City employees will do the work at a considerable savings over contracting it out, with materials costing about \$4,800. Grimes noted the facility has a new floor which will soon be ruined if this facility is not repaired.

The council accepted the high bid of \$7,500 from Hussy House Movers for a FEMA buy-out house at 1002 Elm Avenue. There was no bid received on another buy-out house at 805 Washington Avenue.

The council approved two changes to the employee personnel manual at the request of City Clerk Donnie Morrow. One change concerned the chain of command on filing employee complaints and the other made changes in the city's employment application forms, adding some important data to the application, according to Morrow.

The Caroline Street bridge has been closed for about two months, due to structure problems at the East end of the bridge. The council accepted an engineering recommendation and will spend between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to make repairs. The report said these repairs will hold up to anything but high flood waters rushing down the canal.

Monthly bills totaling \$14,719.96 were approved for payment. Grimes noted that this is the second month in a row that bills have been down extensively. He expressed hope that this trend would continue.

The monthly financial report of the city shows that every department is under budget for the first two months of the year. The mayor praised city employees for the efforts exerted to make this a reality and said he hopes this too continues.

The council appointed Myra Parker to the Housing Abatement

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ICICLES HANGING from the fountain at the courthouse flowing well can be beautiful and have become an all too familiar morning scene in Elba during the past month. The United States has reportedly recorded the coldest November and December on record and such records have been kept for over 100 years. To see repeats of this scene, it is usually advisable to get up early on that very cold morning - daybreak is advised - and visit the courthouse square before breakfast or much of anything else.

## General business session takes time

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two maintenance workers, and to allow the maintenance supervisor to place these individuals where they may be needed. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. This situation was brought about by the sell of the health department building to the state.

In the discussion period of the above motion, an attempt was made to amend Lewis' motion to stipulate that these individuals' employment be considered only for future openings should they occur. This amendment failed in a 3-3-1 vote (Dalrymple, Thompson, and Grimsley voted for; Brooks, Lewis, and Westbrook voted against; and Stephens abstained.) The original motion passed.

A final motion made by Lewis to purchase two new cars for the sheriff's department passed with an amendment offered by Stephens that two cars be purchased each year.

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## NOTICE

The City of Elba offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2001, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be standby crews for emergencies. To report an emergency with street, water, electrical, or sewer, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be unchanged.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

An interesting bit of information crossed the desk last week. It deals with the amount of credit card purchases the average person makes each year. The average holiday shopper spent \$1,220 on gifts during the past Christmas season. Taking that information a bit further . . . if this average shopper pays the minimum payment on the \$1,220 each month and is lucky enough to be paying *only* 18% interest, it will take 22 years to pay off the debt and interest payments will exceed \$2,500! The message in that bit of information is to buy only what you can pay for . . . at least before the end of the grace period on the plastic card . . . and then be sure to pay it off. That will give this average shopper over \$2,500 of extra money (previously spent on interest) to spend on some other gift of choice . . . and that is from just one year of smart shopping.

The Elba City Council had what could have been a hot potato Monday evening. Complaints about hunting within the city limits had come to the council last November. Monday, the city fathers heard and faced a room full of hunters-opposing any changes in the law. After representatives for the group had spoke briefly, the council members agreed to take no action, thus leaving the law as it was and the hunters left satisfied.

It is amusing to watch the approval process for cabinet members as a new president gets ready to take office. Regardless of the winning party, the opposing party starts chomping at the bits to find fault and turn down one or more of the cabinet nominees. Of course with a lot of help from the news media. This year is no exception. First they were after the male nominee for Attorney General (we think). He has some opinions which get emotions charged real easily. But then information surfaced about a female nominee for Labor Secretary which is apparently easier to rally the troops behind . . . after all it has worked successfully before for similar reasons by one or the other of the political parties. This woman might be a loose cannon, a dummy or whatever, we don't know and are not even going to try to find out, the Washington professionals can handle that. She is probably the person who will save Bush's nominee for Attorney General as people forget him in their enthusiasm for "getting" this woman.

The long anticipated four-laning of U. S. 84 moves a step closer this month with the public hearing on the section from Martin Luther King Drive at 203 Bypass to Curtis. This is one of the area where residents have been continually confused with rumors of the route going this way one week and another way next week. Maybe this informal hearing will finally clear up some of that confusion.

Saturday we spent 10 or 12 hours working on a computer network problem which cropped up suddenly and without any prior warning. Late Friday night the network was working fine and Saturday morning our newest computer wouldn't talk (or listen) to the server located three feet away. You can imagine the pride of our success when it became apparent the problem, which we had never had before, was solved without any outside help. A quick e-mail to our computer guru in Columbus, Ga. on Monday morning was designed to elicit over the successful doctoring job. Now imagine the drooping of feathers when a return e-mail advised to call the next time that happens, and they can talk us through this exact problem in about five minutes! Plus, they usually do this kind of "minor" tech support for us . . . absolutely free.

It is good to see the creeks and rivers in this area getting some flow back into them, even if it is a bit muddy right now. The South has had a very dry year, with streams and lakes dropping to their lowest levels in the memory of most area citizens. It still seems weird to find grass and weeds growing in what is best described as the bed of Pea River . . . almost 40 feet lower than the water level in that area when the levee broke on that faithful morning in 1990. Of course, come March, citizens of Elba and Geneva and the rest of the Choc-Pea River basins will be getting a little skittish if those water levels begin to rise above normal . . . or are at normal when the dark clouds start gathering in the southern skies.

The Coffee County Water Authority is attempting to make contact with rural residents throughout the county as they make plans for a county-wide water system, serving all residents who are not already served by a public water system. Watch for the dates of those public meetings and get your name on the list, if you have not already done so. It is far better to get connected now than to wait until you don't have water to boil a pot of peas and then start scrambling for someone to help you get on the water system!

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## Dorsey Trailers reaches an agreement with lender

An additional announcement from the Atlanta offices of Dorsey Trailers indicates the company has reached an agreement with Foothill Capital Corporation, the lender under the company's existing working capital credit facility to extend the working relationship from the January 3rd, 2001 expiration date to March 3rd, 2001.

The cash collateral agreement allows for limited use of cash collateral to fund on-going operations as allowed in the agreement.

On December 28, 2000, the company entered into an exclusive agreement with Equity Partners of Maryland, (EPI) an enterprise specializing in turnarounds, sales and refinancing, and liquidations of financially troubled companies.

The agreement provides for EPI to assist in refinancing or efforts to seek a joint venture partner, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the business as a going concern and/or some or all of the assets. This agreement expires 60 days from its

approval by the U. S. Bankruptcy Court.

Marilyn R. Marks, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said in part: "Although our desire was to continue the company as an on-going operation, we must explore all

aspects of maximizing the value of the company; as such, the company believes the best method to do this is the retention of EPI to explore the sale of the company in whole as an on-going operation or to sell the individual assets of the company."

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 1, 2000, through January 7, 2000. They were: Annabelle Wilkes, Cheryl Beasley, Annie Ellis, Tammy Hill, Eloise McDaniell, Gwendolyn Rayburn, Betty Spurlin, Edna Rushing, Andrea Wicker, Pearl Reeves, William Beckworth, Mildred Bozeman, Sandra Drummond, Austin Lee, Martha Guerrero, Zoey Moore, Etta Griswold, Charles Mack, Mary Blue, Gloria Harrelson, Katrina Mitchell, Mollie Lane, and Pearl Culver.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Andrea Wicker, Etta Griswold, Zoey Moore, Gloria Harrelson, Austin Lee, John Williams, Randy Tyson, Peggy Creech, Jimmy Davis, Cheryl Beasley, Jessie Strickland, Kathryn Turner, Lena Brundidge, Jacqueline Bundy, Robert Lee, LeRoy Cole, Annie Ellis, Eloise McDaniell, Tammy Hill, Annabelle Wilkes, Vincent Hammond, Sandra Drummond, Betty Spurlin, Pearl Reeves, Gwendolyn Rayburn, William Beckworth, Martha Guerrero, and Mildred Bozeman.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 1, 2000, investigated the following incidents: six thefts of property, one larceny, one domestic violence, one missing property, one burglary, two harassments, two assaults, and one domestic dispute.

The following arrests were made: two for assault, one for failure to pay, one for failure to appear, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, one for no insurance, one for running a stop sign, three for an expired license, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, one for violation of seat belt law, one for driver's license not in possession, and one for driver's license obstructed, and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - River stage - 10.32 (6:32 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Texaco (11:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported on East Davis Street (11:13 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 - River stage - 8.16 (6:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:07 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 - River stage - 7.30 (6:32 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Curtis Road (11:07 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 - River stage - 6.33 (6:39 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 - River stage - 5.22 (8:27 a.m.); Week reported on Co. Rd. 239 (4:50 p.m.); Fire department dis-

patched to fuel spill at wreck on Co. Rd. 239 (4:55 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 - Disturbance (unsubstantiated) reported on Plant Avenue (4:00 a.m.); River stage - 4.86 feet (6:51 a.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 - River stage - 4.62 feet (6:29 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Hickman Avenue (10:29 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to an electrical fire on Hickman Avenue (7:16 p.m.).

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Board, replacing David Branstre, who came off that board last fall when he was elected to the city council.

Council members discussed the ordinance which requires anyone within 150 feet of a city sewer line to hook up and use the services, rather than using a septic tank. Due to the large number of homes in this category and the high cost of changing during the current downturn in local economy, Mayor Grimes suggested he check with the USDA to see if they will approve the city delaying enforcement of this ordinance. The USDA has input because the ordinance was one of the requirements for Elba getting the multi-million dollar loan and grant for the recently completed sewer system upgrade.

Gloria Parker, a resident of Morrow Village, complained of no police presence in that area since

November. That is when a HUD grant for a full time police officer in the area expired. Parker said bicycle riders, BB gun shooting, open containers of beer, drunk and peeping toms were endangering the community. Police Chief R. W. Whitworth said he thought he had the problem corrected, but would readress the issue.

Whitworth told council members that two local police officers will be going to a special school in Mississippi to be better prepared to handle dangerous chemicals, such as those which exploded when allegedly thrown from a car being chased by city police officers recently.

The chief also reported spending several hours with the League of Municipalities, reviewing the department's printed SOP. Grimes told council members the city had just received a letter of thanks and certificate of appreciation.

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minute they put the light on their vehicle, it becomes an emergency vehicle and they're not going to pay in the situation of a wreck. That's going to put the town in liability for their vehicle whoever they hit, and I personally don't think we need to do it. I called three different insurance companies and got that same quote from all three."

"I've never been for it," said Councilman Harrison. "And, I'm against it now. I haven't changed my policy at all."

Councilman Ronald McMonagle commented that the code stated: "But such lights shall serve as a warning or caution light only AND SHALL NOT cause other vehicles to yield the right of way."

"So even with the light in there, it does not mean that cars have to get out of your way," he said. "Therefore, it does not serve any purpose if you've got to come into town and you're trying to reach an emergency and other cars don't have to yield to you. You still have follow the normal speed limit, the normal stop signs and everything, so, it's not serving any purpose at all. All that it is doing is giving someone a license to think they can speed through traffic, and I'm not for it."

Councilman Hermon also expressed his concerns about the liability that the town is placed in under these circumstances.

The primary concerns expressed in the matter by all of the council centered around the liability the town could face should this present policy be allowed to continue.

After several minutes of discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Strickland, and seconded by Councilman McMonagle. "That the city deauthorize the chief from being able to authorize anybody to run a red or blue light in their personal vehicle."

Voting for the motion were council members Strickland, McMonagle, Herron, and Harrison. Both Mayor Cole and Councilman Jody Stuckey abstained.

Mrs. Annette Williams, city clerk, reported that the "Christmas Around Town" was a success and that everyone appeared to enjoy the events of the celebration beginning with the tree lighting ceremony in the park and Christmas music by the New Brockton High School Band. Later, there was singing, food and fellowship at the Senior Citizens Center.

"I believe that it gets bigger and better each year," commented

Councilman Rodger Harrison. Mayor Charles Cole added, "Hopefully, next year the committee or whoever ever heads it will get in contact early with the churches and coordinate all the events."

Mrs. Williams gave a brief financial report to the council. She stated that the expenses for the month of December were \$27,460.09; balance in checkbook as of December 31st was \$25,642.03; and income for the month was \$21,747.89. "You can see that our expenses exceeded our income for the month of December," said Williams.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, February 5, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.

In other matters, the council took the following actions:

• Awarded the bid for the sell of the old trash truck to Bob Eubanks for \$250.

• Tabled the noise ordinance for further study.

• Agreed to pay \$25 per week for custodial service at town hall. The Water and Sewer Board has also agreed to pay \$25 per week (\$50 total).

• Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$20,208.52.

## CCC

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Commissioner Dalrymple noted that an agreement had been reached with Mark Dunning Industries that garbage collection will include all bagged garbage that is placed adjacent to the regular container. He noted that this has been a problem in the past and he, along with other commissioners, hopes that it has now been resolved.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates addressed the commission concerning the latest problem at the county jail - that being a recent water leak, or leaks (three), that damaged the central controls at the jail.

According to County Maintenance Supervisor Phil Ruge, the problem was with a heat exchanger located on a 750 gallon storage tank in the ceiling of the jail that went bad causing a leak.

He said that parts to make the necessary repairs are expected in this week and everything should be back in working order with the exception of the central controls to the jail.

Sheriff Moates said that attempts are being made to find the necessary components to get the central controls up and running. He told commissioners that the original manufacturer of the equipment is out of business making it harder to acquire the parts.

"One thing we do want the public to understand is that there is no breach of security at all," said Sheriff Moates. "The jail is still being run. The only problem is that it now requires two people where it would normally require one person in the operation of the central control system."

Commissioner Stephens asked if there was some way the water storage tank could be moved in order to prevent this happening again. He was told that it would require major renovation, and any design change would have to be done by an architect.

Sheriff Moates did tell commissioners that there was one bright side to the problem and that was he was able to transfer 24 inmates (state prisoners) to state facilities.

County Engineer Randy Tindell requested two resolutions - one authorizing the disposal of several pieces (24) of surplus equipment via public auction. The other resolution was to allow his department to prepare plans for the refurbishing

and/or widening of Co. Rds. 308, 306, 364, 473, 531 and 610. The understanding being that this is for planning purposes only, and that no firm commitment as to a time or date for the projects to begin - if ever - is set. Both resolutions passed.

For informational purposes, Tindell told commissioners that his department would be performing sign inspection during the next few weeks and that this work will be done at night in order to check the reflectiveness of the signs. He also said that the replacement of the two bridges on Co. Rd. 308 is scheduled to start in mid-February.

Thomas Boswell once again appeared before the commission asking that Co. Rd. 234 be closed. Boswell told commissioners that this is a dirt road approximately 150 yards long with him being the lone resident on the road.

He attended the November 27th meeting and related to commission-ers the problem that he was having with motorists coming down the road parking, "drinking beer" and throwing their empty containers out on the roadway and in the right-of-way.

At that time, Boswell was told that in order to close the road, every landowner along the right-of-way would have to agree to the road's closing.

He reported that all landowners

had signed a petition agreeing to its closing with the exception of Starlin Jinright who wants to keep the road open.

Commissioner Kayo Lewis told Boswell, "If one person (landowner) wants to keep a road open, it has to remain open."

After several minutes of discussion, and a question from Boswell asking if he could put a gate up on the road at this property line, commissioners instructed the county engineer, Randy Tindell, to continue looking into the situation and see if anything can be done in the matter.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be held on Monday, January 22, 2001, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

In other matters, the commission took the following actions:

• Approved a credit application for use of the county's landfill to ARC Incorporated of Birmingham.

• Appointed Mix Andrews to serve on the Coffee County Water Authority Board.

• Approved the employment of Scott Crosby who will be assigned to work with the Soil & Water Conservation department.

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## AREA DEATHS

## MARY LOU STEPHENS

Mrs. Mary Lou Stephens, age 99, of 113 N. Johns, New Brockton, Ala., died Jan. 4, 2001 in Flower Mound, Texas.

Mrs. Stephens was a lifelong resident of New Brockton and Coffee County.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 2001 at First United Methodist Church of New Brockton with Rev. Ben McKee officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Stephens was preceded in death by her husband, Lewey Stephens Sr., a son, Lewey Richards Jr. and a daughter-in-law, Gladys Stephens.

Active pall bearers: Andrew Gannon, Lewey Stephens III, Daniel Stephens, John Stephens, Brock Hornsby, Will Hornsby, Ray Lewis and Tim Hornsby.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Gloria and Ed Gannon, Lewisville, Texas and Betty and Allen Hornsby, Dothan.

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## Gladys Osburn Family

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their many acts of love and kindness shown to us at the death of our loved one, GLADYS OSBURN.

God bless you all.  
THE FAMILY OF GLADYS OSBURN  
1-4-1p

## EARNEST CAMPBELL FAMILY

This is a "very special" thank you note on behalf of EARNEST CAMPBELL, to Wise Mill Church, community, family and friends, Elba Garden Club and other area churches for the food, money, phone calls and prayers.

EARNEST CAMPBELL & FAMILY  
MARY CAMPBELL ROGERS  
REX CAMPBELL & FAMILY  
1-11-1p

12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

## MARY EDITH RICHARDS

Mrs. Mary Edith Richards, age 73, of 875 Cedar Lane Drive, Elba, Ala., died Jan. 2, 2001.

Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Burial followed in the Center Ridge Cemetery of Arton with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law: John P. "Jack" Richards Jr. and Fiona Richards, Katy, Texas; Robert Allen and Barbara Richards, Richmond, Texas; Thomas E. and Laura Richards, Richmond, Texas; one sister, Doris Harrison, Sellersville, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

## EVELYN SMITH

Mrs. Evelyn Smith, age 73, of 7545 Highway 189, Kinston, Ala., died Jan. 4, 2001 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Gary Winstead and Rev. Ray Stinson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by two daughters, Zola Sue Scarbrough and Migunda Smith. Survivors include her husband, Zealon Cortez Smith, Kinston; four daughters: Mary E. Barefoot, New Brockton; Dorothy Samuel "Sam" Bradley, Kinston; Penny Adcock.

Elba, Beverly "Binky" Bradley, Kinston; two sons: Earl Smith, Kinston; Harry Smith, Enterprise; one sister: Johnny Mae Williams, Gadsden; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## JAMES W. STEPHENS

Mr. James W. Stephens, age 69, of Glenwood, Ala., died Jan. 7, 2001 at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2001 at Bluff Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Henderson Memorial Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Mr. Stephens was preceded in death by his wife, Jane G. Stephens.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Nancy and Michael Sanders, Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law: James W. Jr. and Marilyn Stephens, Elba; his grandchildren: Melissa Sanders, Mary Beth Sanders, Julie Sanders, Jamie Sanders, Brian and Chris Rhodes; three sisters: Burnice Sims, Auburn, Florida; Little, Glenwood, and Ruth Frateschi, Winter garden, Fla.

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# CHURCH



**POET VOICES**, a Southern Gospel music group from Ringgold, Ga., will be featured in a concert at Southside Baptist Church in Ozark on Friday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. Rev. W.L. Sheffield, of Southside Baptist Church, invites the public to come and enjoy an evening of gospel music, fellowship and worship of the Lord. There is no admission fee but a love offering will be taken. For more information, call (334) 774-6911 or (334) 393-3240.

## Gospel Singing & Revival services planned at Living Word Ministry

Living Word Ministry located at 127 North Main St., Brundidge, will be having a Gospel Singing, Saturday, January 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Ainsworth Family will be the guest singer.

## Brundidge Church of God to hold Revival services, January 12-14

Brundidge Church of God, Hwy. 231 South in Brundidge, will be in Revival Jan. 12-14. Services will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, and Saturday, Jan. 13, and at 10:45

a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Sister Pat Jones. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Vanderbilt to hold Revival services

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will hold Revival services January 17-21.

The guest evangelist will be Bro. Kenneth Hall from Hazard, KY. Services will begin at 7:00 nightly.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church is located at 2287 County Rd. 114, Jack, 1 mile past Southland chicken plant). Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## The Isaac's Country Cathedral - U.S. Hwy. 84 E. of Opp on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001 @ 7 p.m.

The Isaac's have received numerous awards and are the artist of many hit songs such as "Depths of My Heart," "Man on the Mule," "Bridges," "Increase My Faith" and many more.

**No Admission Charge!**

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## Round And About With Eria 897-2006

**Scripture: 1 Kings 18:16-45**

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\*\*\*Birthdays (January): Melissa Kelley - Jan. 2; Korie Belcher - Jan. 16; Tillman Lindsey - Jan. 14 (In Memory Of); Alzie Mae Davis - Jan. 21.

\*\*\*Men In Black & Women In White Brotherhood Services to be held at Rocky Head MB Church Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. Each man and each woman is asked to represent with \$10. Everyone is invited to fellowship.

\*\*\*Annual Family and Friends Day Program of the Oak Grove Baptist Church will be Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2:30 p.m. Sermon by Rev. Nathaniel Larkins, pastor of Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church in Brundidge.

A Great Celebration for a Beautiful Lady!

God Bless, ya! "Miss" Grace

\*\*\*Annual Choir Day for Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church will be Jan. 21 at 2:30 p.m. Each choir will sing in the order they register and are asked to sing two selections. Visiting choirs: Rocky Head, Springfield, New Philadelphia, Poplar Springs, New Salem, Mulberry Male Chorus, Nazareth, Piney Grove, Bethlehem, Oak Grove, Benevolent Grove, Mt. Calvary, Pleasant Shad, New Zion, Shady Grove A.M.E. and Bethel A.M.E.

\*\*\*A Special Invitation: The honor or your presence is requested at the bridal shower of Tealea W. Tillis and Davon T. Brown on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m. at the Brundage Community Center. For more information, call Darlene Levens 527-3579; Darlene Brown 894-6558; Bonnie Tillis 335-5699; Mable Robinson 527-3052.

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**Grace Simmons 88th Birthday Celebration - "I'm Blessed!"**

Thursday evening, Dec. 28, relatives and friends of Mrs. Grace Simmons, Elba, gathered at Greater New Zion MB Church to help her celebrate her 88th birthday. Those attending were: Gloria Blue (daughter) and Billy Blue (grandson), Enterprise; Felise Height, great-granddaughter, Columbia, In.; Ronald Hammond, Dothan; Vicky Bell, great-granddaughter, Enterprise;

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to hold special "One Night Campmeeting" service

Vanderbilt Holiness Church, located on Coffee County Road 114, will have a special "One Night Campmeeting" with a winning songwriter, singer and anointed preacher "Big MO" on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. RON STALLARD  
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost

At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus had received great power from His Father. Jesus was Anointed to preach, teach, heal and cast out evil spirit. "Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him." What a great plan the master had made!

Jesus had received this power from heaven. At His command, evil spirits ran away. Blind men received sight, crippled men walked and dead men lived. The poor were rich in him, the lost were found in him. He prayed to His father in heaven and gave himself to the world so we might be saved. What love God has for us to give His only son.

It must have been great walking and talking to the Lord while he was here on earth in person. What a greater agony must have been to see him die on the cross. Great joy when he was raised from the dead. No doubt it was the most joy anyone has ever known. The Lord knew how his followers and love ones would feel. They hated to see Him go. They would miss Him.

John 14:19 "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me, because I live, ye shall live also. (20) At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (21) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Jesus would make a way so we could have Him always. He also made it clear that man would receive power from above. The Holy Ghost.

"John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." God wanted to give a gift of the Holy Spirit to us. It was the "same" Holy Spirit that was given to Jesus.

Isa 11: And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. (2) And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

The same power to move mountains and to cross valleys. If the disciples were the only ones to receive the power that it would have stopped there. I believe that God is still able to give the gift of the Holy Spirit. I believe we need the Holy Spirit to battle the enemy, to minister to the lost, and to preach the truth and live a righteous life. We can call on the Name of Jesus for healing and comfort and repel attacks of satins. Peter said "Acts 10:34 that God is no respecter of person." Many years after Jesus had ascended up into heaven Paul met some of John the Baptist followers. Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? They said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (3) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism (4). Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, that ye should be saved by faith. Being saved he believed on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. (5) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

The prophets of old told of the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. (29) And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Paul had a good example. He should have never asked us anything that He would not do Himself. The profits of old foretold of the coming of Jesus and of the giving of the Holy Spirit and it has come to pass. Jesus said with His own hand that He would send the Holy Spirit to comfort us. Being saved is the most important thing to get to heaven. The Power of the Holy Spirit is a gift. I think that every believer can be equipped to battle satins with this. It comes by having a clean heart and a mind to do Gods work. If some do not want the Holy Ghost it is OK with me. I'll take all I can get and thank God for His wonder gift.

Elba Church of God to have Barbecue January 13th

Elba Church of God will have a barbecue on Saturday, Jan. 13, beginning at 11 a.m. Barbecue can be purchased by the plate for \$5 or by the pound for \$6. To place an order, call 897-2989 or 897-1593. Proceeds will benefit the church and food ministry.

# LIFESTYLES



**NEW SEASON'S STUDY CLUB DONATES TO LIBRARY...** Each month the New Season's Study Club meets, members of the community are invited to present a program of their expertise. President Pam Maddaloni and Vice President Melissa Flowers recently presented books to Kaye Wilson of the Elba Public Library in honor and gratitude of program speakers. Delia Mitchell - Scrapbooking; Jimmy Harrison - Seasonal Decorating; and Indya Lawless - Elba Parks and Recreational Department.

## MacArthur State Technical College to offer Continuing Education courses on the Elba High School Campus

Microsoft Word 2000

This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of creating professional word processing documents using Microsoft Word. Students learn how to create letters, newsletters, brochures, tables, mail merge, etc., for personal or professional use with this very powerful and easy to use word processing software. Anyone interested in this course must have previous micro-computer experience. This course will be taught on Monday nights from 5:30 until 8:30 for 12 weeks at Elba High School. Class begins

January 22, 2001. The cost of the course is \$100.00 for tuition. There will be additional costs for books and supplies. For more information or to register, please contact Cindy Clark, (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

PC Applications

This beginner course introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications in a business-oriented environment. Included in the course is an overview of Windows 95/98, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.

## SAR to meet January 13th

John R. Wallace will be sworn as president of the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, during a luncheon meeting Jan. 13 in Dothan conducted jointly with members of the Tri State Chapter.

Richard A. Kemp II of Ozark is the outgoing president. Other chapter officers who are to be sworn include: John Ray Fuller of Enterprise, chapter vice president; Banny Brunson of Elba, secretary; Joseph Creekmore of Enterprise, treasurer; James Lee of Ozark, historian and Wm. Joe Paul

of Geneva, chaplain. The chapter has luncheon meetings on the third Thursday of eight months of the year in Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise, meets three months in Devo Restaurant in Geneva and meets in Dothan for the annual meeting.

**New Brockton to compete in Troy State University's Prep Bowl 2001**

A team from New Brockton High School will visit Troy State University to compete in Prep Bowl 2001, a quiz show aired on TSU-TV, the campus television station.

New Brockton is among 20 teams from across Alabama competing at Prep Bowl 2001, which is patterned after the old "College Bowl" TV series. Dr. Jim Vickrey, Chairman of the Department of Speech and Theatre at Troy State University, will serve as host and quizmaster.

The high school teams will visit TSU throughout January and February to tape shows for later airing. Scholars will answer questions in the categories of the arts, business, communication, history, geography, government and law, philosophy, religion, science, mathematics, technology and sports.

Troy State University has sponsored Prep Bowl for more than 20 years as a way to encourage academic competition among Alabama high schools. Campus tours for students are available, and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams in the single-elimination tournament.

Deborah Wilkins serves as adviser of the New Brockton squad.

**Republican Women of Coffee County to meet**

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2001, at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise, at 11:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Sallie Bryant, President of the Alabama Federation of Republican Women. Her program will be an overview of the Republican Women Organization and a calendar of events.

The menu will be Pot Roast with hot roll and drink for \$7.00, this includes tax and gratuity. Please make reservations with Joan Ayer at 347-1856.

## Three-In-One Study Club holds January meeting

The Three-In-One Study Club held its January 2001 meeting at the home of Mrs. Jim Williams. The house was decorated with the season's flowers.

Mrs. Addileen Newman, president, presided over the business meeting. Mr. Jim Williams talked in length about the birds - the habits of all birds. He explained the style of feeders and the types of food that can be fed to birds.

The hostess served a salad course which was enjoyed by all present.

**Revival Services to be held at Praise and Glory Center in New Brockton**

Revival Services will be held Jan. 11 through Jan. 14 at Praise and Glory Worship Center, located next to New Brockton High School on South John Street. The services will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. There will be a different speaker each night. Everyone is invited to attend.



Nicholas D. Nelson

**Nicholas Nelson to travel with People to People Student Ambassadors this summer**

This summer while many of us are spending time at the beach or in the mountains, Elba Elementary School sixth grader Nicholas D. Nelson will be going on a three-week giant leap across the globe. The exact itinerary won't be known until April, but the trip will include stops in England, Ireland, and Wales.

The group he will be traveling with is known as People to People Student Ambassadors. The program is an exciting program of varied educational activities that acquaint students with the political, economic, and cultural characteristics of the countries visited.

U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded People to People in 1956. He believed that individuals reaching out in friendship to citizens of other countries could contribute significantly to world peace.

Students were chosen for the program through a process that started with each being nominated for it by either a school faculty member, or a community or civic leader. There were only about 100 students chosen from the state.

Each student received a letter from Governor Don Siegelman endorsing the program and congratulating students for being chosen to represent their school, city and state.

During the next five months, Nicholas will be doing fundraising activities to help raise some of the funds needed to cover the cost of the trip. An account has been set up at SouthTrust Bank for anyone wishing to donate.

Nicholas is the son of John and Christina Nelson of Elba. He is also the grandson of R.C. and Annie Pearl Carpenter of Elba and Lawrence and Maple Nelson of Opp.



Miss Mills & Mr. Stanley

## Mills—Stanley wedding planned for February 10th

Brandy Mills and Jarred Stanley announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Mills of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Madge Mills and the late Mr. J.B. Mills of Elba and Mr. Jack Gideon and the late Macie Gideon of Jack.

She is a 2000 graduate of Elba High School and is currently employed in Elba.

The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stanley of Bristol, Virginia. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dorcas Saltz and the late Robert Saltz, also of Bristol, Virginia.

He is a 2000 graduate of Glade Christian Academy and is currently employed in Bakerhill, Ala.

The wedding will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 10, 2001 in the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle Church.

Although no local invitations are being sent, all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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<b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays	<b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
<b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Even. Service: 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Denny Shivers, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.
<b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donna Mather, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>GRACE SIMMONS 88th Birthday Celebration - "I'm Blessed!"</b> Thursday evening, Dec. 28, relatives and friends of Mrs. Grace Simmons, Elba, gathered at Greater New Zion MB Church to help her celebrate her 88th birthday. Those attending were: Gloria Blue (daughter) and Billy Blue (grandson), Enterprise; Felise Height, great-granddaughter, Columbia, In.; Ronald Hammond, Dothan; Vicky Bell, great-granddaughter, Enterprise;

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# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Bethany Dye  
Amanda  
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## Student Spotlight

by Francie English  
Name: Autumn Parker  
Parents: Jackie Parker and Michael and Dianna Patrick  
Age: 13  
Grade: 8th  
Favorite Color: Pink  
Favorite Music: Anything reasonable (especially rock)  
Clubs/Activities: FBIA and Chi Alpha Mu  
Interests/Hobbies: Crafts, music and designing  
Personal Quote: "Cheese!"

Autumn Parker was chosen to be in this week's Student Spotlight. Autumn's favorite subject is math because she can apply it in everyday life.

The one thing that she enjoys most about Elba High School is knowing that she will have several fond memories of it. She would like to take a class in sculpturing or crafts; however, neither one is offered at EHS.

After Autumn graduates she

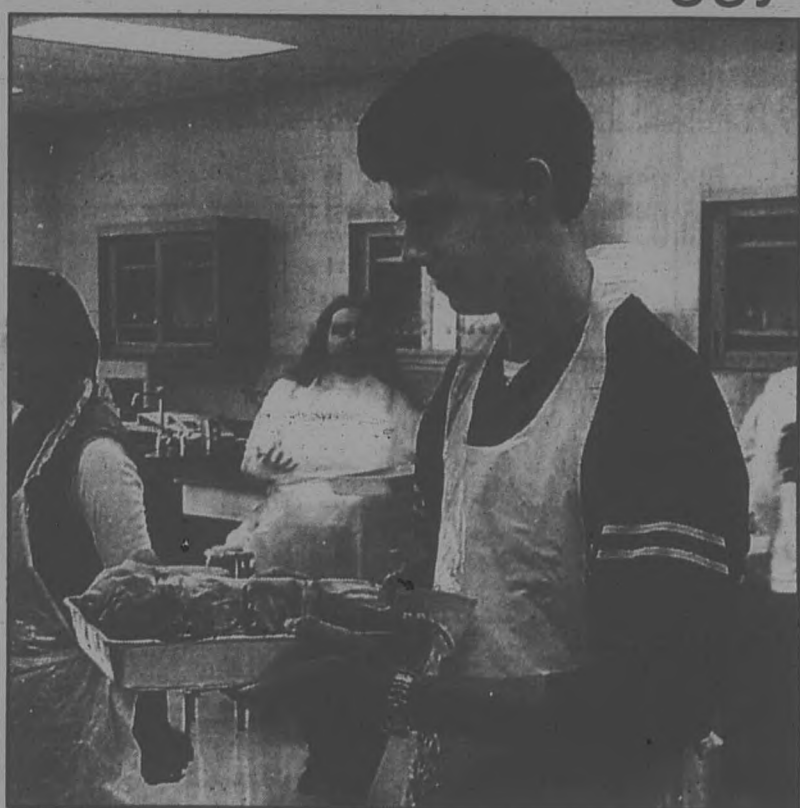


Autumn Parker

plans on going to Enterprise State Junior College for two years. Then she intends to be enrolled in a beauty school for the following two years.

The friends she will be one of the things that she will always remember about Elba High.

## ...And This Little Piggy



by Amy Kirkland

The smell of formaldehyde recently filled the senior high lab at Elba High School. Mrs. Nelda Bailey's Advanced Anatomy and Physiology class dissected fetal pigs. Each student had his or her own pig to dissect and examine. Students learned how to cut the pig and locate different body parts. After dissecting the pigs, students had to put their knowledge to the test by taking a practical exam. The exam consisted of identifying numerous organs, tissues, and veins on the pig.

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## 7th Grade English Class Writes Letters To The Editor

As part of a library skills unit on the newspaper, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun required seventh grade English students in Mrs. Collins' and Mrs. Rhoades' classes to write letters to the editor of the "Tiger Tales" page in THE ELBA CLIPPER.

A panel of teachers and administrators selected three letters from each class to submit for publication in the newspaper.

Winners are as follows: (Collins 1st block) Rae Walker, Elena McCormick, Kendall Stinson; (Collins 2nd block) Gale Miles, Shonita Whitfield, Casey Medlock; (Collins 3rd) Joshua Parrish, Stephanie Baxley, Lonzo Cooks; (Rhoades 1st) Tamera Oliver, Tiffany Benton, Nicole Frost; and (Rhoades 4th) Chad Williams, Misty Carney and Marlene Griffin.

Those selecting letters said it was a tough job because there were some really good ones.

Dear Editor of Tiger Tales:

One of the things I like about school is the sports for girls. I enjoy sports because I feel it builds confidence, team spirit, and friendship. I gain confidence in myself each time I go out on the court or field. I feel good about myself when I practice hard and try my best during a game. Sports have taught me how to work as a team during practice and at a game. I have learned it takes a team to win, not just one person. Sports are enjoyable and fun because they give me a chance to get to know my friends and classmates better. We all work hard, but we enjoy the challenge. We encourage each other on good days and bad. After all, that's what friends are for even for sports! Sincerely,  
Kendall Stinson

Dear Editor:

I am writing you to tell you some of the highlights of Elba High. There are so many I don't know where to begin. Let's start with the short order line in the cafeteria. It is Great!! You get such a variety of things from which to choose. You get salad, chicken, beef, pork, and fish. I think that's my favorite thing, though. My most favorite thing about Elba High is how its teachers and staff work so hard to teach us a lesson. That can help us in our needy and unconfident times. These teachers are some of the most hard-working people in this school. Their hard work is setting good examples for students every day. Hopefully, they will enrich many more lives as they have my classmates and mine. I think I speak for my classmates and myself when I say the best thing about Elba High is its hard-working faculty and staff! Sincerely,  
Rae Walker

Dear Editor:

I am writing to tell you what interests me in high school. First and foremost, my favorite thing in high school was being in the marching band. I really enjoyed getting on the field and showing our school spirit and "Tiger Pride." Even though our team didn't have the best of luck at winning games, we knew that we had done our parts. That was all that mattered. The second thing I like is my English teacher, Mrs. Collins. I look up to her as being a role model for children. She really brings out the best in us. I also love reading your articles and the others in "Tiger Tales." All of you are great! Keep up the good work! Sincerely,  
Shawnda Whitfield

Dear Editors:

When we started the school year,

## CareerLink offering free GED classes

Start the New Year off with FREE GED Classes beginning Jan. 2. The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at CareerLink, Alabama's Career Center System. CareerLink is located on the Square in Elba (old McCollough Grocery Store). For more information about this free opportunity, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

all seventh graders knew the new responsibilities we had to assume. In high school you have to be on time, keep up with textbooks, lunch cards, and, last but not least, be mature young adults. There are so many great things about EHS: great food, freedom, cute boys, good teachers, and so on. Elba High School has been everything I wanted and expected it to be and so much more. Thank you,  
Gale Miles

Dear Editor:

I wanted to tell you and the school that I like the way we are doing the block schedule. Having only four blocks makes it easier on us students because we don't have as much homework. It helps me understand the subjects better. Some of my friends showed me around here. I really like Elba High. Sincerely,  
Tiffany Benton

Dear Editors:

What I like about school is that we have more freedom in Elba High School than we did in elementary school. We also get to pick our own foods and to do more things. The teachers treat you like young adults not little kids. Sincerely,  
Chad Williams

Dear Editors:

I want to tell you what I like about Elba High School. High school is fun. I wish I could stay in high school forever. It is like my home. My teachers and friends are like my family. I like Elba High School because we are "drug free" — way to go, and we are "weapon free." This is what I like about Elba High School. Sincerely,  
Tamera Oliver

Dear Editors:

I like Elba High School because it has nice teachers who are a great help when students have a problem. The counselors are great when dealing with students' problems. It is an organized school, it is clean, it is well lit, and it provides a great learning environment. If you asked me, I would choose Elba High School over any other school. Your fellow student,  
Nicole Frost

Dear Editors:

The thing I like about high school is that it can be fun. It is also fun having friends around us. I am a seventh grader this year. I have great teachers. They are willing to help in any way they can to make us understand what they are teaching. I had to get adjusted to high school. Some of my friends showed me around here. I really like Elba High. Sincerely,  
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## Class of 1960 Donates To Library



The Elba High School Class of 1960 recently held a reunion. They decided to make a donation of \$216.00 to the EHS library. Above, Jean Spurlin (right) of the Class of '60 with EHS librarian Margaret Calhoun.

## NEWS FROM ESJC

Tone up with non-painful exercise through Enterprise State Junior College's Leisure Swimming. Participants have the opportunity to maintain fitness through swimming in the College's indoor pool during select times set aside just for them. This spring semester the pool will be available beginning January 11 for approximately 20 hours per week. The fee for individual participants is \$40.00 and \$55.00 for families. There is no registration deadline; participants may sign up at any time during the semester.

Challenge your creativity with Pottery Shoppe! This special interest course at Enterprise State Junior College is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay as well as for those who have worked with clay in the past. Each student will complete at least one piece of slab-built pottery and must purchase clay and tools for \$20.00 at the first session. Dothan pottery master David Plunkett will be teaching this course which will be held on Mondays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. January 22-February 26. The registration deadline is January 16. There is a \$30.00 fee for the course.

Computers for Seniors is a special interest class to be held in the first of three sessions at Enterprise State Junior College this spring semester. It is designed for older adults who want to be computer literate. Participants will learn to efficiently use a computer keyboard, how to use a word processing program, how to create a data

base, and how to understand the use of spreadsheets. They should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is January 16. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, January 22-31, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

China Painting has now been added to Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course offerings. You can learn the step-by-step techniques of painting on fine porcelain from the first application through the final kiln firing. You will learn how to mix and use china paints, how to properly care for and use brushes, and how to create a finished piece of painted porcelain. Supplies may be purchased at the first class meeting for approximately \$50.00; however, you may bring your own supplies if you have them available. There is a \$45.00 fee for

this course, and the registration deadline is January 23. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, January 30-March 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Conversational Spanish returns to Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course offerings this spring semester. This introductory course is designed for people with little or no experience with Spanish. Emphasis will be placed on speaking and listening skills, and students will be able to participate in simple conversation with Spanish speakers here or abroad. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is January 29. Classes will be held on Mondays, February 5-March 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Elba Elementary School Menu Jan. 15 - 19, 2001	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - School Holiday - King/Lee	Monday - School Holiday - King/Lee
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuits & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Turkey Wiggles, Corn, Butterbeans, Sweet Potato, Patty, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hoagie, Lettuce-Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, Peanut Butter Cake, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Barbeque, Rice, Fried Okra, 1/2 Apple, Bread, Milk

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTS OFFICERS...**To be effective, every organization must have its leaders, and the Elba Fire Department recently elected officers to serve as the leaders of the department for the next two years. Those leading the fire department, whether it be day-to-day operations or in the line of duty, will be (from left to right): Wayne Jackson, Captain; Larry Goodson, Chief; Benny Wilkerson, Captain; Mike Tindell, Captain; Dennis Manning, Assistant Chief; Stewart Bane, Captain; and Wesley Devane, Secretary/Treasurer. Not pictured is Danny Jordan, Training and Safety Officer.

## Opp Jaycees plan 2001 Rattlesnake Rodeo for March

The Opp Jaycees recently announced plans for the upcoming 2001 Rattlesnake Rodeo. The 2001 rodeo will be held March 3 and 4 at Channell Lee Stadium. Arts and crafts will be hand-made with no flea-market items being allowed. Entertainment for the children will include: train rides, train rides and a rock climbing wall, with other entertainment being considered for the show.

The 2001 Miss Rattlesnake Rodeo Beauty Pageant will be held Jan. 27 in the Opp High School auditorium. This year's queen will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the school of choice. The first and second alternate winners will receive scholarships to the schools of choice. The pageant will also include a Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality contest. Total prizes for the pageant will be an estimated \$5,000.

The 2001 Princess Pageant will be held Jan. 20 in the Opp High School auditorium. There will be five different age divisions. Prizes will include savings bonds and trophies for the winners.

Musical entertainment for this year's rodeo is also being planned. The Saturday night Rattlin' Country Concert will feature the Honky Tonk Tailgate Tour, which includes three very talented entertainers: Jeff Carson, Rhett Atkins and Daryle Singletary. In talking with the production company each entertainer will do a thirty minute set and at the end of the three sets all three groups will come back out together and do an additional sixty minute performance.

Sunday's Rattlin' Country Concert will feature country music's new comers, Rascal Flatts. For more information on the beauty pageants, arts and crafts, concerts, and advanced tickets, please contact the Opp Jaycees at P.O. Box 596, Opp, AL 36467, or phone (334) 493-9559 or fax (334) 493-2283.

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## County seeks corrections for memorial plaques

Corrections need to be made on the granite memorial plaques displayed in the county courthouse in Enterprise honoring those citizens from Coffee County who have given their lives in service to their country.

Extensive steps have been taken to properly recognize each person and the County Commission has

agreed to provide funding for a new, corrected marker. Due to a strong desire to "give honor where honor is due," anyone with any knowledge of additions or corrections to the war memorial plaque now on display is asked to contact Mr. Wilson Mobley, Jr. at 894-5556. Accuracy is the goal so citizens are requested to make this

contact with Mr. Mobley no later than February 1, 2001 to insure absolute correct information goes to the engraver.

Due to the expenses related to this project, citizens are asked to please not ask that a name be removed, or changed, unless the name is known for sure to be incorrect as now shown on the plaque.

## Elba Rotary Club sponsors International Youth Exchange Program

This year, about 7,000 young people, ages 15 to 19 will see the world the way it is meant to be seen, from the inside out through a Rotary Youth Exchange Program, sponsored locally by the Elba Rotary Club.

Short term Rotary Youth Exchange Programs for travel stays of three to four weeks, starting in the summer of 2001, are available in almost any country where there are Rotary Clubs, and that is 162

countries at present! This past summer, a student from Geneva, Alabama experienced the challenges and rewards of a Rotary Youth Exchange trip to Switzerland. If you would like to be considered for a Rotary Youth Exchange student trip for the summer of 2001, contact your high school counselor, or the Elba Rotary Club by calling Kelly Ross at 897-2246 or Jim Gilmer at 493-2182.



**Jennifer Sharon Smith** of New Hope joined 19 others at Enterprise State Junior College in a recent Success Celebration for receipt of the G.E.D. Certificate of High School Equivalency. Smith is now attending ESJC majoring in elementary education.

## Elba AARP Chapter meeting set for Jan. 16

Elba AARP Chapter regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6 PM, at the Elba Sr. Center. A business and planning meeting led by President Charles Kinnett will follow the covered dish meal.

AARP Tax Aide volunteer services will be available again this

year at the Elba Sr. Center, Feb.-April 15. The center has 2 computers to use to prepare federal and state income taxes and will e-file all returns for faster refunds. This service is free to persons 50 and over. Call the Sr. Center at 897-3019 for an appointment.

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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The cold weather finally broke long enough over the weekend for us to get outside and set up a horse-shoe set for Christmas. I don't know if the really knew what a horse-shoe was, but after we hampered the posts in the ground and explained the rules of the game, we got very competitive and stayed out in the yard for hours trying to get some rings. It may not be the most athletic game in town, but at least it gets her outside and away from the TV.

## TAKING A FEW FREE SHOTS....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to four games and moved to 2-0 in the area last week with two big wins over Pike County and Luverne. The Tigers looked a little rusty in the overtime win over Pike County and had some problems on both ends of the court, but settled down after falling behind by six points in the extra period and pulled out the very important area win at home. The win over Luverne was very different in that the Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled 'em off as they pounded their arch-rivals by 28 points. The win upped Elba's record to 7-3 on the season, and while there are still plenty of tough games left on the schedule, the Tigers are a solid ball club in all areas and have shown everyone in the area that basketball and winning go hand in hand over here in Tigertown, and that last year's success wasn't just a one time thing. This bunch has good work habits and is well coached, and if they can get a few breaks on the road in some upcoming games, they could very well challenge for the area title.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers upped their record to 10-2 last week with two hard fought wins, and continue to be the surprise team in South Alabama. The Lady Tigers did struggle in both games last week, but came through when it counted and pulled out both wins to go 2-0 in the area. Elba's girls had made it look easy in most wins this season. However, I wanted to wait and see how they would do when the score was close and the pressure was on. The pressure hit last week in both games, and the Lady Tigers rose to the challenge and claimed two big wins. When you look at the size of the Elba players and realize just how young they really are, it is nothing short of amazing that this bunch has done what it has this season. The biggest games are still ahead for the Lady Tigers in their quest for an area title, but I for one think the girls will come through with flying colors and bring the area tournament to the Elba gym. Keep it up girls, we are enjoying the ride.

\*\*\* The high school basketball season got back in full swing last week after the holidays, and it was a pretty good week for the teams in the area as Kinston placed second in the SCAC tournament and New Brockton put an end to its seven-game losing streak. The Kinston Bulldogs followed up their big win over New Brockton in the Red Level tournament with a win over Arton, then battled hard for all four quarters before falling to Samson in the finals of the SCAC tournament, held at Samson. The Bulldogs start every young team, but Coach Gary Glass has made some adjustments as the season has progressed, and right now the Bulldogs appear to have a pretty darn good 1A club. While Kinston might not pile up the wins, the Bulldogs are learning a lot about the game and are building the foundation for future teams. There can be no doubt that the Kinston Bulldogs have the program headed back in the right direction! The New Brockton Gamecocks claimed a 1B title and a seven-game losing streak into last week's game against Dale County, and after falling behind by 19 points with only three minutes left on the clock could have easily hung it up and accepted yet another defeat. That wasn't what happened; however, as the Gamecocks scored the final 19 points of the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime, and then scored four unanswered points in the extra period to claim the wild 4-point win over the 4A Warriors. The fact the extra period to claim the wild 4-point win over the 4A Warriors, the fact Dale County played the final two minutes of regulation with four players and had only three players on the court in overtime certainly didn't hurt the Gamecocks' chances. That wasn't the difference in the game. The difference was the fact that the Gamecock players never quit battling and fought until the final buzzer. This team is very young and inexperienced, but is learning the game from Coach Brad Garner and has its best days ahead. The fans over in Brockton need to remember that it may take a while before the players learn enough lessons to post more wins than losses.

\*\*\* The Elba Recreation Department opened its 2001 youth basketball season last week with a rare 8-game Saturday, and while it was a day filled with excitement for the players and their parents and supporters. The day started off with girls ages 6-8 showing off their skills, while over the course of the day boys' and girls' ages 6-12 hit the court and showed what they could do. I know that I am biased, but I believe that the basketball program in Elba is in good hands for years to come, as was evidenced by the skills shown last weekend. I urge all basketball fans to come out and watch the youth in action. You will be surprised.

\*\*\* New Alabama coach Dennis Franchione got back to work this week up in Tuscaloosa, and it is clear that the new Bama head coach will hit the ground running, and will expect the same from everyone on his team. Off-season workouts started the day the players returned to campus on Monday, and Coach Fran stated that he already told the players that he expected them to "act right, be on time, be at every meeting, be at every workout and be at every practice." He said that the rumors about players being kicked off the team were false, and added that the staff would evaluate all the players before spring drills. The coach also stated that the biggest thing facing his staff was to "develop a relationship of trust" between the players and the coaches. I understand that all coaches are eventually judged by wins and losses, but so far the new man at the Capstone seems to be saying all the right things.

\*\*\* I watched every single play of the Orange Bowl last week and have to admit that I was glad that Oklahoma defeated Florida State to win the national championship. I listened to the pregame hype leading up to the game and it seemed to me that FSU coach Bobby Bowden was a little cockier than usual and perhaps was a little over-confident. There was no doubt which team wanted to win the most, and it was good to see the guys in red hang on and that down the vaunted Seminole offense in doing so. I don't know if it was Coach Bowden's pregame talk or the fact that Terry Bowden was doing the off the field talking that made me turn against the 'Noles, but there was no doubt Oklahoma was the team I wanted to watch win the game.

\*\*\* In closing...I went to the Elba Tiger week last week and was surprised to see that the room had been repainted and mirrors had been installed along the walls. Elba High has one of the top weight rooms of any school in the area, if not the state, and it looks like it will be used daily during the off-season as the Tigers look ahead to the 2001 season. It was great to see that the players and coaches are already working to turn the program back around. A winning program doesn't just happen because the players and coaches want it to, it takes hard work and dedication, and that is what is happening at Elba High as the work starts toward a winning football team in 2001. Keep it up!

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## Grab important 3A, Area 2 win

## Tigers edge Pike County in o.t. 61-58

The Elba Tigers outscored Pike County 9-0 over the final three minutes of overtime to erase a six-point Bulldogs lead and claimed a wild 61-58 win last Tuesday night in Elba, in a key area battle.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 6-3, 1-0 in Class 3A, Area 2 action, while the Bulldogs slipped to 4-9 with the loss and 1-1 in the area.

Elba came out ready to play against its area rivals and jumped out to an early 5-2 advantage on a three-pointer by Derrick Brooks. John Mitchell sparked a 6-0 Tiger run midway through the stanza as Elba's lead went to 11-4 with a 5-5 remaining, while another Brooks' three-pointer with :03 left on the clock helped the Tigers stretch their lead to 19-10.

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The Tigers owned a 51-42 lead with 2:07 remaining after a steal and a driving lay-up by Marcus Henderson, but Pike County refused to quit and went on a 6-0 surge to pull within 51-48 with 45 still left in the quarter. A free-throw by Marcus Henderson put the Tigers on top 52-48 with :53

remaining. However, the Bulldogs continued to pressure Elba all over the court, and Pike County scored the final four points of the stanza to send the game into overtime tied at 52-52.

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## Calhoun and Goshen ranked in ASWA high school basketball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly high school basketball standings for the week ending Jan. 4, and following are the "Top 5" and area teams in all six classifications:

## BOYS

**CLASS 6A**  
1 - Sidney Lanier (16-1)  
2 - Auburn (15-3)  
3 - Grissom (16-3)  
4 - John Carroll Catholic (10-1)  
5 - LeFlore (15-4)  
(8) Northview (10-1)

**CLASS 5A**  
1 - Huntsville Lee (16-3)  
2 - B.C. Rain (15-3)  
3 - Ramsey (12-2)  
4 - Hartsville (13-2)  
5 - Southside Selma (11-2)

**CLASS 4A**  
1 - Coosa Central (9-1)  
2 - Sumter County (9-1)  
3 - Bibb County (11-1)  
4 - Brooks (11-1)  
5 - Clarke County (8-1)

**CLASS 3A**  
1 - DAR (17-3)  
2 - Washington County (5-0)  
3 - Phil Campbell (8-1)  
4 - Lincoln (7-0)  
5 - Lanett (9-1)  
(6) Calhoun (11-4)

**CLASS 2A**  
1 - Saint Jude (12-4)  
2 - Mars Hill Bible (12-2)  
3 - Section (14-2)  
4 - Vincent (12-1)  
5 - Goshen (7-1)  
(7) Barbour County (8-2)  
(8) Houston Academy (7-2)

**CLASS 1A**  
1 - Courtland (11-3)  
2 - Decatur Heritage (15-4)

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**ELBA (61):** Barnes 4, Head 2, Andrews 3, Henderson 16, Brooks 10, Mitchell 26.

**PIKE (58):** N. Walker 16, Foster 2, Boyd 14, Jackson 10, M. Walker 16.

**(B GAME)**

The Elba B team Tigers remained winless on the season after falling to Pike County 48-26, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The Tigers trailed only 10-6 after one quarter, but saw Pike County slowly pull away. The Bulldogs opened up a 37-19 lead after three quarters. Elba staged a fourth quarter rally, but fell short and absorbed the 48-26 defeat.

Dwyes Reynolds scored 10 points to lead Elba.  
**P.C. (48):** Perry 13, Bell 4, Griffin 8, Daniels 8, Patterson 2, Andrews 4, Johnson 6.  
**Elba (26):** Curran 7, Cross 2, Wade 1, Allen 3, Reynolds 10, Thigpen 3.

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**CLASS 4A**  
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3 - Andalusia (11-1)  
4 - Sumter County (8-1)  
5 - Geneva (8-1)

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2 - Sylva (13-2)  
3 - Lauderdale County (15-3)  
4 - Glenoe (11-3)  
5 - Weaver (10-1)

**CLASS 2A**  
1 - Red Bay (9-2)  
2 - Pisgah (11-2)  
3 - Geraldine (11-2)  
4 - Southern Choctaw (10-1)  
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2 - Westminster (13-0)  
3 - Speake (14-1)  
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5 - Spring Garden (12-3)  
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Elba's Marcus Henderson (32) waits for a rebound in recent action. The Tigers improved their record to 7-3 last week with key area wins over Pike County and Luverne.

## B team gets first win

## Elba clubs Luverne '58-30

The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to four games and moved to 2-0 in the area last week with a 58-30 win over Luverne Friday night in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 10-2, 2-0 in Class 3A, Area 2 standings, while the loss left Luverne with a 3-8 record, 0-2 in the area race.

The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start in the key area battle and scored only 18 points in the opening half, but exploded to score 20 points in the third quarter to move

ahead and then held on late to claim the important 48-39 area win.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Gina Mack and Ayonna Proctor both added 11 points. Margaret Mash scored 16 points to lead Luverne.

Elba (48): McKinnon 18, Proctor 11, Bludsworth 2, Kilcrease 2, Mack 11, Ware 4.

Luverne (39): Barber 2, Harris 4, Richardson 4, Morrow 4, Varadero 4, Mash 16, Lowry 6, Daniels 11.

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## SPORTS

## Improve record to 9-2

## Elba Lady Tigers pop Pike County 47-41

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their winning ways and moved atop the Class 3A, Area 2 standings last Tuesday night by posting a hard fought 47-41 win over the Pike County Lady Bulldogs, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 9-2, 1-0 in area play, while Pike County slipped to 3-9 with the loss, 1-1 in area action.

The Lady Tigers came out sluggish in the important area battle and trailed 5-2 with 5:53 left in the first quarter, but came to life behind the inside play of Rachel Bludsworth and went on an 8-0 run to grab a 10-5 advantage with 3:47 still left in the quarter. A Roshanda McKinnon free-throw gave Elba an 11-7 lead with 1:49 remaining. However,

Bludsworth and McKinnon sparked an Elba rally that helped the Lady Tigers close the gap to 20-19 with 1:43 left, but the Lady Bulldogs again had the final answer, and scored late to carry a 22-19 lead in at intermission.

A three-pointer by Gina Mack and a lay-up by Roshanda McKinnon put the Lady Tigers back on top 24-22 with 7:12 remaining in the third quarter, while Danae Ware muscled inside to score four points midway through the stanza as Elba remained ahead 28-26 with 4:39 left on the clock. Pike County regained the lead late at 30-28 on a three-pointer. However, the Lady Tigers appeared to finally be ready to take command with 4:20 left after a three-pointer by Ayonna Proctor gave Elba a 38-30 advantage. Pike County refused to quit;

however, and cut the Elba lead to 41-38 with 2:24 remaining. Baskets by Rachel Bludsworth and Gina Mack helped Elba regain command at 45-38 with 1:32 left on the clock, and the Lady Tigers held on to survive with the 47-41 win.

Rachel Bludsworth scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Roshanda McKinnon and Gina Mack both added 13 points.

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**PC 13 9 8 11 - 41**

**Elba (47):** McKinnon 13, Proctor 3, Bludsworth 14, Mack 13, Ware 4.  
**PC (41):** Rodgers 11, Jackson 4, Foster 10, Caffie 10, Boykin 4, Meadows 2.

**(B GAME)**

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation opened its "Youth Basketball League" last weekend with eight games in the league's five divisions.

Following are highlights of last weekend's action:

**SHOCK 6**  
**MERCURY 0**

The Shock broke open a scoreless battle in the third quarter and went on to post a 6-0 win over Mercury. In Girls 12 and Under action, the Shock was tied at 0-0 at the half, but the Shock pulled ahead 2-0 in the third quarter and pulled away to claim the win. April Finamore, Whitney Sasser and Yousheba Terry all scored 2 points for the Shock.

**FEVER 28**  
**MERCURY 2**

The Fever led all the way to defeat the Mercury 28-2, in Girls 12 and Under action. The Fever led only 2-0 early in the game, but improved and pulled away to post the lopsided win. Lavonda Thigpen scored 18 points to lead the Fever, while Ashley Carpenter added 4, and Brandy Caldwell, Brittany Caldwell and Tiffany Johnson all scored 2 points. Terry Stark scored 2 points for the Mercury.

**SUNS 21**  
**KINGS 20**

The Suns staged a late fourth quarter rally to edge past the Kings 21-20, in Boys 12 and Under action. The Suns trailed 20-15 late in the final stanza, but scored the game's final six points to pull out the exciting win. Stephen Driggers scored 10 points to lead the Suns, while Chase Graham added 6, Chase Boutwell added 3, and Dustin Rhodes added 2. Jordan Flowers scored 12 points to lead the Kings, while Antwon Tillis added 4 and Jason Johnson and Jacob Forbes scored 2 points, each.

**HAWKS 20**  
**PACERS 11**

The Hawks used a big third quarter to pull ahead and held on to down the Pacers 20-11, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Hawks led only 9-6 at the half, but poured in 8

points in the third quarter to take charge and pulled away to claim the win. Justin Hammond scored 8 points to lead the Hawks, while Don Rhodes added 7, Trey Belcher scored 4, and Sandaris Reed scored 1. Caleb Banning and Timmy Geddings both scored 4 points for the Pacers, while Richard Cooks added 2 and Robert Paul scored 1 point.

**WIZARDS 26**  
**MAGIC 9**

The Wizards pulled ahead early and never looked back to run past the Magic 26-9, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Wizards pulled out to a 9-5 halftime advantage, then scorched the nets for 16 points in the third quarter to pull away and wrap up the win. Trey Martin scored 15 points to lead the Wizards, while Gavin Flowers added 7 and Martin McCormick and Kydon Tillis both scored 2 points. Will Gray scored 3 points to lead the Magic, while Matthew Gibson, Jamison Baker and Bradley Wilson all added 2 points.

**LAKERS VS. RAPTORS**

The Lakers and Raptors opened the Boys 8 and Under season with an excellent game on both ends of the court. Scoring for the Lakers were Kevin Allen, Seth Hanchey, Chase Sauls and Taylor Cotton. Scoring for the Raptors were Donnell Horstead, Kareem Siler and Chase Goosby.

**ROCKETS VS. HEAT**

The Rockets and Heat opened their season in the Boys 8 and Under division, and played a game that was highlighted by scoring in every quarter. Scoring for the Rockets were Jabari Newsom, Shabrum Robinson, Tyrell Daniels and Martin Henderson. Scoring for the Heat was Jantzen Flowers.

**MIRACLE VS. STING**

The Miracle and Sting met in Girls 8 and Under action, with both teams playing well on both ends of the court. Scoring for the Miracle were Brianna Rogers, Courtney Driggers, Keri Jones and Ashley Cooks. Scoring for the Sting were Lindsey Carney, JoJo McBride, Aspen Fonghee and Auna Edwards.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, January 11**  
5:30 - Pacers vs. Wizards  
6:30 - Hawks vs. Magic

**Friday, January 12**  
5:30 - Fever vs. Mercury  
6:30 - Suns vs. Kings

**Saturday, January 13**  
9:00 - Fever vs. Shock  
10:15 - Suns vs. Kings

**High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES**

**Thursday, January 11**  
New Brockton at Zion Chapel (5:00) B, VG, VB

**Friday, January 12**  
Elba at Calhoun (5:00) B, VG, VB

Kinston at G.W. Long (5:00) B, VG, VB

Brantley at Florala (4:30) B, VG, VB

Northview at Enterprise (6:00) B, VG, VB

**Saturday, January 13**  
Brantley at Highland Home (4:30) B, VG, VB

**Tuesday, January 16**  
Opp at Elba (4:30) B, VG, VB

Kinston at Zion Chapel (5:00) B, VG, VB

New Brockton at Samson (4:30) B, VG, VB

J.F. Shields at Brantley (4:30) B, VG, VB

Enterprise at Dothan (4:30) B, VG, VB



Elba's Gina Mack looks for a teammate in recent Lady Tiger action. Mack hit three three-pointers in the second half to lift Elba to a 47-41 area win over Pike County.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**2,001 REASONS TO ENJOY THE YEAR...** Dale Crowe of Elba was the recipient of a drawing held at Midnight on New Year's Eve in Elba. The drawing was held in conjunction with the city's "Countdown on the Square" celebration. As winner of the drawing, Crowe received \$2,001 from the Elba Chamber of Commerce. The check presentation was made last Thursday morning at Elba City Hall. Presenting Mr. Crowe (center) with the check were Herby McCall, representing the City of Elba, and Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

The Coffee County Board of Health will hold a series of meetings to sign up new water users not already served by an existing water system. All persons who live South of U. S. Hwy. 84 are urged to come to one of the following meetings and sign up for the proposed county water system.

## The meetings in order of occurrence are:

**THURSDAY JANUARY 11th** at 6:30 PM at the Holley Store Community Center - located at the junction of C.R. 474 and 460

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18th** at 6:30 PM at Brooklyn Methodist Church - located at junction of C.R. 440 and 437

**THURSDAY JANUARY 25th** at 6:30 PM at Asbury Methodist Church Rec. Building - located at junction of C.R. 636 and 625

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1st** at 6:30 PM at County Line Baptist Church - located on U. S. Hwy 92

The deadline for signing up is fast approaching.

## Local students among fall semester honor roll at MacArthur

Forty-three students maintained "A" averages during Fall Semester 2000, qualifying them to be listed on the MacArthur State Technical College President's List. Honor students from the local area include: Donnie Howell, Brantley, Justin Mack, Elba, Kathryn Devine, Shirley Keen and Gail Ludman, all of Kinston.

Also, forty-three students maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 during the Fall Semester, qualifying them for the Dean's List. Local students being named to this list include: Debra Manning, Brantley, Jennifer Bryan, Elizabeth Bryant, Anita Christian, Derrick Horstead and Mary Meyers, all of Elba; Bobbie Hunt and Jennifer Wingard, both of Kinston.

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## Avon awards grant to Coffee County Family Services Center

The Avon Breast Care Fund has awarded a \$64,527 two-year grant to the Coffee County Family Services Center to increase education and awareness of the life-saving benefits of breast cancer early detection. The grant is drawn from funds raised by the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, which since 1993 has raised \$80 million to fund access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer, with a focus on medically underserved women.

The breast health program at the Coffee County Family Services Center will educate Coffee County women and refer them to low-cost or free mammograms and clinical breast exams in their own communities. The mission of the Family Services Center is to support and strengthen families by providing a coordinated network of services. The Coffee County Breast Cancer Crusade is extremely important to this mission because of the high number of women who are uninsured or underinsured in Coffee County. It is estimated that more than 800 women over 40 years old lack quality for free clinical breast exams or mammograms. Hundreds more will be provided with life-saving information and education which will facilitate early detection and treatment. With the new Avon funding, the program will be able to hire a part-time community educator whose goal it will be to reach more than 1,000 Coffee County women this year with vital information about the importance of early detection.

Every woman is at risk for breast cancer. It is the most common form of cancer in women in the U.S., and the leading single cause of death overall in women between the ages of 40 and 55. The American Cancer Society (ACS) recommends that women follow three steps for early detection, which continues to offer the best chance for successful treatment: annual mammograms beginning at age 40; annual clinical breast exams beginning at age 20; and monthly breast self-examinations beginning at age 20. According to the ACS, the majority of women who don't comply with these guidelines are poor and underserved women.

"Many factors, ranging from fear

to lack of a doctor's recommendation, keep women from practicing good breast health," said Lucille Latham, community educator for the Coffee County Family Services Center Avon Breast Cancer Crusade. "There is a tremendous need to reach women with information and resources. We are grateful that Avon shares this mission and has chosen to support our program."

The Coffee County Family Services Center is one of more than 500 community-based programs that Avon has funded across the U.S. during the last seven years.

For more information on the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade at the Coffee County Family Services Center, call Lucille Latham at 393-8538.



This group of supporters were on hand for the presentation.

## Elba resident receives medical degree from UAB

Dr. Russell Lee Bedsole, son of Randall and Pamela Bedsole of Elba, was awarded Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Birmingham's School of Medicine during commencement ceremonies Dec. 3, 2000.

## Russell and Siler graduate from TSU

Adelia LaShawn Russell and Jamelle Antonette Siler, both of Elba, received their Bachelor's degree from Troy State University on Dec. 15, 2000 during the Fall Semester Commencement Exercises held at the university.

## Local students make President's List at Wallace College

Lisa A. Foust of Elba and William J. Downing and Kimberly S. Swanson, both of New Brockton, were among the Wallace Community College students named to the President's List for Fall Semester 2000.

## Westside Baptist Church presents "How to Stay Christian in College"

Westside Baptist Church will be sponsoring a seminar on "How to Stay Christian in College" beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. This seminar will feature guest speakers who have been involved in college life and ministry. The seminar will run for five Tuesday nights and feature various topics and speakers. All high school seniors and those enrolled in college are invited to attend. There is no cost for the seminar and a light supper will be served. Those planning to attend are asked to call the Westside Baptist Church office at 897-2520, if possible.

The call is not necessary but will assist in food preparation.

## Valentine Sweetheart Pageant set for Feb. 3

The 2001 "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Elba Elementary School. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the pageant, with all proceeds being used to finance numerous Lodge charities and projects.

Age divisions will include 0-12 months, 13-35 months, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-18 years.

A winner and two alternates will

be selected in each age division (based on minimum of five contestants) with the winners receiving a trophy, crown, banner, flowers and a \$100.00 savings bond. The two alternates will receive a trophy, banner, and flowers. All contestants will receive a trophy in all age divisions!

For more information, call Mrs. Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m., Harry Young at 897-5097, Herb Winters at 897-3095 or Wayne Bryan at 897-2015.

Kim receives medal from Army for service

Army Sgt. Dong J. Kim has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal for completing a military service enlistment in a commendable and exemplary manner.

Kim is a case investigator assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud, Uijong-Bu, South Korea. He is the son of Keum Sun and Arthur F. Hornsby of New Brockton. The sergeant is a 1994 graduate of New Brockton High School.

We will be closed Monday,  
January 15, 2001, in observance  
of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
Birthday

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## Post Office construction underway

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The land has been purchased, lots cleared and the foundation poured for the new building to house the new Elba Postal facility.

It has been nearly 35 years since the present facility located at the corner of Davis and Yelverton, was opened for business.

Before that, the post office was located at the corner of Factory and Buford streets (CarQuest/Taylor Parts building), before that, it was located adjacent to the present police station in what is now The Briar Patch, and before that, this writer met the former postmaster, Bill Bullard, knows where it was located.

Elba BOE members review state-of-the-art instructional programs for students.

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met Thursday evening in the high school and reviewed the ongoing state-of-the-art instructional programs of Mrs. Margaret Calhoun and Mrs. Julie Norris. The two combine to direct the students in the journalism projects, including the daily closed circuit TV broadcast in the school, TV news viewed on cable TV, weekly radio program on WELB/WITZ, weather station monitor with WSFA-TV, Tiger Tales in The Elba Clipper, in-school newspaper and the high school yearbook. They also sponsor the annual Miss Elba pageant.

Board members were shown video clips recently created and edited by the students, some to be used on the cable TV spots. They also toured the computer

equipped classroom lab where students do their writing and layouts on the newspapers and yearbook.

Reviewing the financial condition of the school system, board members were told by Superintendent Danny Weeks that school finances are better than they were the previous month. The foundation program deficit is down by one half, the general fund deficit is down from \$35,000 to \$13,000 and the feeding program continues to be the bright spot with a healthy operating budget.

Weeks told board members he hoped the schools could pay some of the outstanding indebtedness next month.

High school principal Mike Williams invited board members to visit the school at any time. He said they like to have board members visible within the school.

## 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office establishes web site accessible by public

A recent press release from District Attorney Mark Fuller stated a web site for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Attorney's Office has recently been created. The 12th Judicial Circuit includes both Coffee and Pike counties.

Taking advantage of the latest technology available, all efforts are being made to keep the public informed as to the services offered by the District Attorney's Office.

The site will enable the public to communicate with specific department personnel and also provide links to other law enforcement agencies and public offices. The new site is located at [www.12judicial.org](http://www.12judicial.org).

The 2001 Circuit Court Calendar is available for viewing.



**MLK DAY CELEBRATION...** In New Brockton began with a march from the old Warren Smith School through downtown and out to Popular Springs Baptist Church located on AL Hwy. 122 north of town. The day was dreary as far as the weather goes, but the participants' spirits were high. Approximately 75 individuals gathered at the Warren Smith School where a youth choir sang several selections prior to the march. New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole (inset) said, "Because of Dr. King's awesome accomplishments, his life has inspired generations and his life will continue to inspire generations as long as we keep the memories alive." Cole spoke of Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream Speech" made in Washington D.C. in 1963 saying that his dream was really simple that all men are created equal. "We should look at this speech and assess how far we are from realizing that dream...and determine what we are going to do to accomplish that dream," said Cole. A more formal program was presented at the church following the march. The day's event was organized by The Progressive Circle made up of church congregations from Greater Springfield Baptist Church, Pea River Baptist Church, Saint Mary Baptist Church, and Popular Springs Baptist Church.



NEITHER RAIN, SLEET, HAIL NOR SNOW...is suppose to stop the mail delivery and in this case, the building of the new Elba Post Office. Even with the recent rains, workmen continue to construct the foundation for the new facility.

## Coffee County BOE's meeting behind closed doors a long one

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Thursday's meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education, looking at the agenda, appeared to be headed for a brief one, but that was not to be.

Although the business conducted in open session took just over ten minutes to act on, there was a "closed door session" that lasted about an hour and a half.

Shortly after the board convened, it voted to go into executive session to discuss what was listed on the agenda as a "student hearing and an employee's request to appear before the board in closed session." Both matters were addressed before returning to open session.

The board accepted transfer of the early warning siren recently installed on the campus of Zion Chapel High School by the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency. This simply means the Coffee County BOE agrees to maintain the equipment as stipulated in the agreement, and after a period of five years, the siren will be covered by the BOE's insurance in the event of lightning strikes, vandalism, etc.

The Choctawhatchee, Pea, Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority assisted

in the funding of the siren and the City of Elba Electric Department assisted with its installation at "no charge."

Two policy changes were approved by the board and a third was taken under advisement. The first policy, "BC" revised was the meeting time for the board from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. The second was the approval of policy "GAAB" dealing with employment criteria bringing the county system in line with its consent decree.

The policy change submitted for the board members' review and approval or disapproval at the next meeting concerned policy "GBRF - Employee Out-Of-County Travel." Due to the continuing changes in the state's mileage allowance, Superintendent Rodger Bowden recommended the policy read: "to be paid at the state rate."

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## DA requests special grand jury session

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The District Attorney has called for the Elba grand jury to convene on Thursday, Feb. 1, in special session in connection to the brutal beating of a 5-month-old Kinston girl. The incident occurred on October 14, 2000.

According to Mark Fuller, District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit, the sole purpose of the special session will be to hear evidence in the first degree domestic violence case against the child's father, Jonathan Leland Wilkerson, 19, of 81 Coffee County Road 472, Kinston.

A request for the special session by the District Attorney was approved by Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head III. Ordinarily, the grand jury only meets twice a year.

On the date of the incident, the child was taken to Andalusia Regional Hospital, by-passing a hospital located in Opp, which was nearer to their home in Kinston.

Chief Cobb described the case as the "worst child abuse case (he) has seen in his 18 years in law enforcement."

The infant's mother, also 19, was not charged in connection with the incident, and the couple's other child, a toddler, was taken into custody by the Department of Human Resources. The status of that child is not known at this time.

In December 2000, a preliminary hearing was held, at which time, only a limited amount of evidence in the case was presented. Enterprise attorney Joe Sawyer has been appointed by the court to defend Wilkerson.

If convicted, Wilkerson faces 10 years to life in prison or 99 years with a minimum of one year in the prison system without consideration of probation, parole, good time credits, or any other reduction in time for any

## Area Happenings

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, January 22, 2001, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

**GRAHAM WEEKS BENEFIT.** There will be a Graham Weeks Benefit Bar-B-Que held on Saturday, February 3, at the Kinston High School Lunchroom in Kinston, AL. Plates will be \$5.00 each. No tickets are being sold and the bar-b-que will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. Pick up will begin at 11:00 a.m.

**ELBA CITY LIBRARY ADDITIONAL HOURS.** The Elba City Library will be opening on Saturday from 9:00-12:00 starting Feb. 3, 2001.

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## \*NOTICE\*

Corrections need to be made on the granite memorial plaques displayed in the county courthouse in Enterprise honoring those citizens from Coffee County who have given their lives in service to their country. Extensive steps have been taken to properly recognize each person and the County Commission has agreed to provide funding for a new, corrected plaque. Due to a strong desire to "give honor where honor is due," anyone with any knowledge of additions or corrections to the war memorial plaque now on display is asked to contact Mr. Wilson Mobley, Jr. at 894-5556. Accuracy is the goal so citizens are requested to make this contact with Mr. Mobley no later than February 15, 2001 to insure absolute correct information goes to the engraver. Due to the expenses related to this project, citizens are asked to please not ask that a name be removed, or changed, unless the name is known for sure to be incorrect as now shown on the plaque.